

The Challenge

Los Rios Community College District (LRCCD) serves over 70,000 students each year. Approximately 61% receive some type of state or federal need-based assistance. Administrators at LRCCD felt they could expand opportunity and access for more students if they could increase awareness of financial aid availability and encourage financial aid recipients to enroll. LRCCD was not able to deploy outreach efforts at the scale necessary to reach the targeted population of students in the window of time available prior to the start of the term.

The Solution

Following a successful pilot program with the California Community College Chancellor's office which focused on improving Verification completion and Pell take up rates, LRCCD entered into a partnership with Edamerica to include proactive outreach targeting students at varying points in the financial aid cycle.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, community colleges experienced declines in enrollment. LRCCD saw an opportunity to focus additional support services on students who had been awarded financial aid but had not completed enrollment.

Edamerica completed campaigns in June, July, and September of 2022.

The Results

College	Total Assigned	Total Enrolled	Enrolled %
American River College	3,309	1,985	59.99%
Cosumnes River College	2,149	960	44.67%
Folsom Lake College	903	508	56.26%
Sacramento City College	3,070	1,677	54.63%

Impact and Net Return

The campaign led to increased enrollment for financial aid awardees and provided proactive support for students who needed basic financial aid guidance and answers for general questions. Approximately 54% of the LRCCD students assigned to Edamerica enrolled.

Total Assigned	Total Enrolled	Enrolled %
9,731	5,130	54.4%

Net Return \$1,382,957*

*Based on half time, in state tuition and fee cost only and rounded to nearest whole dollar.





